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SUBJECT: MBFR: AGENDA FOR APRIL 18 MBFR WORKING GROUP MEETING

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

FOLLOWING IS AGENDA FOR APRIL 18 MBFR WORKING GROUP MEETING,
TOGETHER WITH USNATO COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR GUIDANCE:

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1. SUMMARY OF NATO AND NATIONAL GROUND AND AIR FORCES
IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA (1972)

MILSTAM(MBFR)-10-73 AND AC/276- WP(73)12 (CTS). WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE WG AGREE TO " NOTE" BOTH DOCUMENTS.

2. IMPLICATIONS OF APPLYING CONSTRAINTS TO WP FORCES IN HUNGARY - AC/276- WP(73)13. THIS DOCUMENT APPEARS TO US TO CONTAIN A MORE BALANCED AND NEUTRAL DISCUSSION THAN ITS PREDECESSOR, WP(73)7. HOWEVER, WE THINK THAT DISCUSSION IN PARA 9 ABOUT INSISTENCE ON CONSTRAINING THE THREE WMDS IS AT LEAST OVER- STATED. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO DELETE AS EXTRANEIOUS TO PAPER LAST TWO SENTENCES OF PARA 9. IN PARA 11, WE FIND POSITIVE REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE CONSTRAINTS IN ITALY, UK, AND DENMARK PREMATURE AND TACTICALLY RISKY IN VIEW OF STATE OF DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA, AND WOULD SUGGEST DELETION. WE ARE ALSO TROUBLED BY WORDS " SIMILARLY NECESSARY" IN TOP LINE OF PAGE 2, SINCE THIS IMPLIES THAT PROVISIONS REGARDING WITHDRAWN FORCES LISTED IN PARAS 3(A) AND (B) ARE " NECESSARY" RATHER THAN " IMPORTANT." BUT WE THINK OUR RAISING THIS POINT COULD SPARK UNDESIRABLE DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY WITH SOUTHERN FLANK, AND WE WOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE TO LET THIS MATTER RIDE. EVEN WITH CHANGES IN PARAS 9 AND 11, WE WOULD RESERVE ON AN ATTEMPT TO GIVE PAPER ANY MORE FORMAL STATUS THAN THAT OF WG DISCUSSION PAPER.

3. EXAMPLE OF COMPLETED FORMAT FOR DISPLAY OF NATO GROUND FORCES DATA - AC/276- WP(73)8(CTS). THIS DOCUMENT USES DATA ON ITALIAN GROUND FORCES AS AN EXAMPLE. IN PARA 4 OF THE COVERING NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB- GROUP ON DATA SUPPORT, THE WG IS INVITED TO AGREE TO THE PRESENTATION AND CONTENTS OF DATA. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO AGREE THAT THE DATA IS DISPLAYED IN THE STANDARD FORMAT, BUT WOULD TAKE THE POSITION THAT THE WG SHOULD ONLY " NOTE" A STATEMENT BY ITALY THAT THE ACTUAL DATA IS CORRECT.

4. IMPLICATIONS OF REDUCTIONS IN FOREIGN STATIONED FORCES - AC/276- WP(73)10. WASHINGTON HAS CONCURRED (STATE 61757) IN OUR PROPOSAL (USNATO 1552) TO AGREE TO STAFF GROUP' S SUGGESTION THAT IT " REVIVE" ITS EXAMINATION OF THE IMPLICATION OF REDUCTIONS IN FOREIGN STATIONED FORCES. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE REQUIRED.

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5. WORK PROGRAM TO END SEPTEMBER 1973 - AC/276- WP(73)14. WE PROPOSE TO LISTEN TO AND REPORT TO WASHINGTON REACTIONS TO U. S. STATEMENT AT APRIL 5 WG MEETING (USNATO 1738 AND STATE 61757) RELATING TO FUTURE ROLE OF WG NO FURTHER GUIDANCE REQUIRED.

6. AIRBORNE PHOTOGRAPHY PANEL - AC/276- R(73)6, ITEM VI. THOSE COUNTRIES (NOT INCLUDING U. S.) WHICH PLAN TO TAKE PART IN THE PANEL, ARE LOOKING FOR A CHAIRMAN. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE

REQUIRED.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. WG PREPARATION OF A DOCUMENT CROSS
REFERENCING " MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES" IN PO/73/13 TO WG PAPERS.
AS REPORTED IN USNATO 1738, U. S. REP AGREED AD REFERENDUM AT
APRIL 5 WG MEETING TO PREPARATIO OF SUCH A CROSS REFERENCE
PAPER. REQUEST WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION TO AGREE.
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